

IS THERE ASBESTOS IN YOUR WORKPLACE?

The answer is probably yes.

Asbestos (a family of naturally occurring minerals) is found in over 3,000 consumer products, and it is in almost every building at the Laboratory.

Examples of products that may contain asbestos

acoustical plaster roofing shingles adhesives concrete siding joint compounds sewer pipes wallboard insulation floor tile

You can develop cancer from inhaling asbestos fibers.

Damaged asbestos-containing materials that can release fibers present the greatest hazard. Studies also show that your risk of developing lung cancer from asbestos exposure is 100 times greater if you smoke.

To protect workers the Industrial Hygiene and Safety Group (ESH-5) operates an asbestos management program. Call the ESH-5 group office at 667-5231 for program information or to report damaged or disturbed material that you suspect may contain asbestos.

Intact, undisturbed asbestos-containing material does not generally pose a health risk. Be smart. Do not handle suspect material. Report your concerns to your supervisor and ESH-5.